

## Senate Resolution 299

By: Senator Goggans of the 7th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating the POW Fred L. Belcher Memorial Bridge; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Fred L. Belcher was born in November, 1919, and was drafted in 1942 to serve  
3 his country in the Army Air Force during World War II; and

4 WHEREAS, he was captured and held as a prisoner of war in Stalog 17B In Kriems, Austria;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, this great citizen of Berrien County, Georgia, made the ultimate sacrifice while  
7 in service to his country and defending it during time of war; and

8 WHEREAS, this courageous soldier, in the spirit of the American patriot, confronted the  
9 dangers, privations, and discomforts of wartime service with steadfast resolve, making us as  
10 a nation truly proud; and

11 WHEREAS, all Americans owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women of our armed  
12 forces who risk their lives in the defense of freedom and to secure the blessings of liberty for  
13 this nation and other peoples of the world.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 GEORGIA that the members of this body dedicate the Withlacoochee River Bridge on SR  
16 76 west of Nashville, in Berrien County, as the POW Fred L. Belcher Memorial Bridge; and  
17 the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to place and maintain  
18 appropriate markers dedicating the POW Fred L. Belcher Memorial Bridge.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
20 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Fred L. Belcher and to the  
21 Department of Transportation.